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Mr. Timothy J. Murris, Chairman
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

VIA Facsimile - (202) 326-2496

Re: Telemarketing Ruelmaking - Comment, FTC File No. R411001

Dear Chairman Murris:

I would like to express **my** concerns regarding the Federal Trade Commissions (FTC's) proposed changes to the Telemarketing Sales Rule (**TSR**). As you know, these changes will have a lasting impact on **an** industry that impacts our economy and the exchange of goods and services.

The teleservices industry in America employs over six **million people**, including many of my constituents. These employees, and the companies for whom they work, **are** engaged in millions of transactions every month and serve satisfied customers and clients with **a** wide array of products and services. Naturally, there are companies in the industry that take advantage of others and do not follow rules. The FTC should continue to be vigilant in holding those companies accountable. However, I ask that you evaluate your proposed rules so **as** to ensure that the actions of a few do not harm **the** industry **as** a whole.

Finally, because Congress **has** authorized the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to implement a National Do-Not-Call list, **I am** concerned that the FTC and FCC may be duplicating efforts that may be best handled in **a** joint initiative.

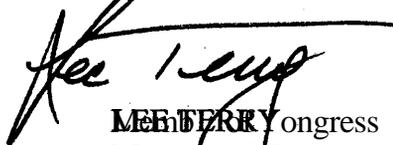
There is no question that **the** FTC is the world leader in consumer protection issues. **Thus** combining the FTC's knowledge and experience with the FCC's jurisdictional authority may be **the best way** to establish a National Do-Not-Call list. Additionally, combining **the** knowledge of **the** FTC and jurisdictional authority of the FCC is not without precedent. For example, in 2000, **the** FTC and FCC joined together to establish policies on advertising plans for long distance carriers.

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The telemarketing industry is already heavily regulated and appropriately so in many cases. However, attempts to address concerns by the public regarding this industry should not damage those **firms** that comply with the law. I urge that any action fully consider the potential for economic hardship for the millions of American workers who participate in the teleservices industry.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress
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